Disposal of Defence Land Adjoining Cantonments

3977. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry owns huge tracts of land both in urban and rural areas of the country outside the physical boundaries of cantonments, operational areas which are being physically used and those which should remain out of bounds to public for security reasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the land use of such tracts being monitored and evaluated from time to time;

(d) if so, the amount of land which could be disposed of; and

(e) the nature of ownership of such land before being transferred to defence authority ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Defence land holdings, including land presently in use of Defence forces and in cantonments, are given State-wise in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no surplus Defence land identified for disposal.

(e) After independence, land for defence purposes has been taken over from States/Union Territories or acquired from private individuals.

STATEMENT

Details of Defence Land Holdings etc.

As on 1st January, 1998

Sl. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Total land holdings (in acres)
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35042.228
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4156.000
3.	Assam	24548.200

(1)	(2)	(3)
4.	Bihar	15893.304
5.	Delhi	11422.706
6.	Goa	3094.948
7.	Gujarat	23247.820
8.	Haryana	33697.933
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5972.659
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	16216.468
11.	Karnataka	29183.112
12.	Kerala	5228.277
13.	Madhya Pradesh	219927.207
14.	Maharashtra	137316.920
15.	Manipur	1284.489
16.	Meghalaya	5294.180
17.	Mizoram	113.525
18.	Nagaland	1646.470
19.	Orissa	23226.018
20.	Punjab	78410.822
21.	Rajasthan	827787.206
22.	Sikkim	2520.488
23.	Tamil Nadu	20954.090
24.	Tripura	1782.135
25.	Uttar Pradesh	152709.447
26.	West Bengal	39498.139
27.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	8373.962
28.	Chandigarh	2679.432
29.	Diu and Daman	201.730
	TOTAL :	17,31,429.915